

REMARKS

Applicant notes the Examiner's determination that claims 16-28 are allowed.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15 and 29 as being unpatentable in view of a combination of a number of cited references. Applicant respectfully disagrees with these rejections and requests reconsideration.

Applicant had previously amended the preamble of the claims to recite that the environment of the claims concerned passenger compartments that included a steering control for the vehicle. The Examiner, however, has objected to the term "steering control". The Examiner also argued that "the claim language Applicant relies upon in claims 1, 10 and 15, do not require that the passenger compartment in the body of the claim be the same passenger compartment recited in the preamble."

In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 10, and 15 to delete the term "steering control" and to indicate, in the body of the claim, that the passenger compartment includes a driver's seat. Express support for the term "driver's seat" is found in the specification, page 1, lines 6-7 ("[b]oth driver and passenger seats are ideal locations") and at Fig 1. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's objections and rejections of the claims were based upon use of the term "steering control", Applicant very respectfully submits that those objections, etc. are now moot.

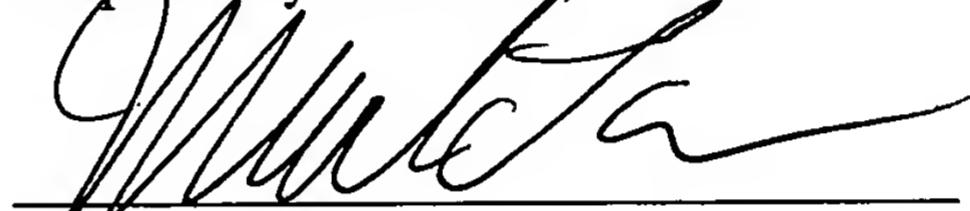
Regarding the various rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), Hanc, Location Fitness nor Nathaniel simply do not reference or suggest the use of an exercise apparatus in a passenger compartment that features a driver's seat (including, e.g., the cockpit of an aircraft or the bridge of a ship). Therefore, the rejections of the claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

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Finally, regarding Duvernay et al., claims 1, 10, 15 and 29 have been amended to recite that the frame is mounted proximate a rear of a vehicle seat. In contrast, Duvernay et al. is clearly limited in application to teaching a device that must be positioned some distance in *front* of the user. Therefore, the rejection of the claims pursuant to §102(e) in view of Duvernay et al. should also be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is now in proper form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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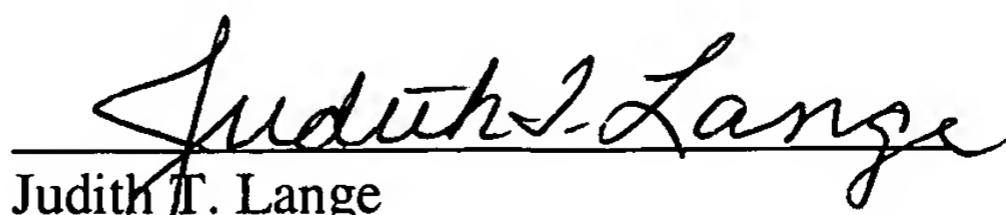
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